

## Handout 2

### Cause of Fall Codes – ICD-9 and ICD-10

The following information has been excerpted from the International Classification of Diseases – versions 9 and 10. These are the sections that relate to causes of fall injuries.

#### ICD-9 Codes for Causes of Fall Injuries

Used for hospital discharge data and fatality data prior to 1999.

##### ACCIDENTAL FALLS (E880-E888)

**Excludes:** falls (in or from):  
burning building (E890.8, E891.8)  
into fire (E890.0-E899)  
into water (with submersion or drowning) (E910.0-E910.9)  
machinery (in operation) (E919.0-E919.9)  
on edged, pointed, or sharp object (E920.0-E920.9)  
transport vehicle (E800.0-E845.9)  
vehicle not elsewhere classifiable (E846-E848)

E880 Fall on or from stairs or steps

E880.0 Escalator

E880.1 Fall on or from sidewalk curb

**Excludes:** fall from moving sidewalk (E885.9)

E880.9 Other stairs or steps

E881 Fall on or from ladders or scaffolding

E881.0 Fall from ladder

E881.1 Fall from scaffolding

E882 Fall from or out of building or other structure

Fall from:

balcony

bridge

building

flagpole

tower

turret

viaduct

wall

window

Fall through roof

**Excludes:** collapse of a building or structure (E916)  
fall or jump from burning building (E890.8, E891.8)

E883 Fall into hole or other opening in surface

Includes: fall into:  
cavity  
dock  
hole  
pit  
quarry  
shaft  
swimming pool  
tank  
well

**Excludes:** fall into water NOS (E910.9)  
that resulting in drowning or submersion without mention of injury (E910.0-E910.9)

E883.0 Accident from diving or jumping into water [swimming pool]  
Strike or hit:  
against bottom when jumping or diving into water  
wall or board of swimming pool  
water surface

**Excludes:** diving with insufficient air supply (E913.2)  
effects of air pressure from diving (E902.2)

E883.1 Accidental fall into well

E883.2 Accidental fall into storm drain or manhole

E883.9 Fall into other hole or other opening in surface

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| E884 Other fall from one level to another |
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E884.0 Fall from playground equipment

**Excludes:** recreational machinery (E919.8)

E884.1 Fall from cliff

E884.2 Fall from chair

E884.3 Fall from wheelchair

E884.4 Fall from bed

E884.5 Fall from other furniture

E884.6 Fall from commode  
Toilet

E884.9 Other fall from one level to another  
Fall from:  
embankment  
haystack  
stationary vehicle  
tree

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| E885 Fall on same level from slipping, tripping, or stumbling |
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E885.0 Fall from (nonmotorized) scooter

E885.1 Fall from roller skates

In-line skates

E885.2 Fall from skateboard

E885.3 Fall from skis

E885.4 Fall from snowboard

E885.9 Fall from other slipping, tripping, or stumbling  
Fall on moving sidewalk

E886 Fall on same level from collision, pushing, or shoving, by or with other person

**Excludes:** crushed or pushed by a crowd or human stampede (E917.1, E917.6)

E886.0 In sports  
Tackles in sports

**Excludes:** kicked, stepped on, struck by object, in sports (E917.0, E917.5)

E886.9 Other and unspecified  
Fall from collision of pedestrian (conveyance) with another pedestrian  
(conveyance)

E887 Fracture, cause unspecified

E888 Other and unspecified fall

Accidental fall NOS  
Fall on same level NOS

E888.0 Fall resulting in striking against sharp object  
Use additional external cause code to identify object (E920)

E888.1 Fall resulting in striking against other object

E888.8 Other fall

E888.9 Unspecified fall  
Fall NOS

**ICD-10 Codes for Causes of Falls  
(only used for Fatality Data from 1999 on)\***

- W00 Fall on same level involving ice and snow
- W01 Fall on same level from slipping, tripping, and stumbling
- W02 Fall involving ice skates, skis, roller skates, or skateboards
- W03 Other fall on same level due to collision with, or pushing by, another person
- W04 Fall while being carried or supported by other persons
- W05 Fall involving wheelchair
- W06 Fall involving bed
- W07 Fall involving chair
- W08 Fall involving other furniture
- W09 Fall involving playground equipment
- W10 Fall on and from stairs and steps
- W11 Fall on and from ladder
- W12 Fall on and from scaffolding
- W13 Fall from, out of, or through building or structure
- W14 Fall from tree
- W15 Fall from cliff
- W16 Diving or jumping into water causing injury other than drowning or submersion
- W17 Other fall from one level to another
- W18 Other fall on same level
- W19 Unspecified fall

**\* It will be several years before the clinical modification of ICD-10 will be completed and implemented for use with hospital discharge data.**